

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
RAMONA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

A regular meeting of the Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) was held April 7, 2011, at 7 p.m., at the Ramona Community Library, 1275 Main Street, Ramona, California.

In Attendance:	Chris Anderson	Chad Anderson	Torry Brean (Arr. 7:05)
	Matt Deskovick	Scotty Ensign	Bob Hailey
	Carl Hickman	Kristi Mansolf	Jim Piva
	Dennis Sprong	Paul Stykel	Kevin Wallace

Excused Absence: Matt Deskovick, Eb Hogervorst, Angus Tobiason and Richard Tomlinson absent.

Jim Piva, RCPG Chair, acted as Chair of the meeting. Kristi Mansolf, RCPG Secretary, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

ITEM 1: The Chair Called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.

ITEM 2: Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 3: DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (Mansolf) – The Secretary Determined a Quorum was Present.

ITEM 4: LIST OF ABSENTEES FOR THIS MEETING. Determination of Excused and Unexcused Absences by the RCPG – Secretary Will Read Record Separately from the Minutes –Matt Deskovick, Eb Hogervorst, Angus Tobiason and Richard Tomlinson absent.

ITEM 5: ANNOUNCEMENTS & Correspondence Received (Chair)

Ms. Mansolf announced that the ReadySanDiego Business Alliance is recruiting all San Diego County businesses to become members of the Business Alliance in conjunction with the Office of Emergency Services to better prepare the area for disasters. Please see her for more information, if interested.

The Regional Transportation Plan 2050 is due out April 22 for a 55 day public review period.

Mr. Sprong announced that April 30 was the day scheduled for the I Love a Clean San Diego Creek to Bay Cleanup. Contact the Ramona Trails Association for more information.

ITEM 6: FORMATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – No Items Were Brought Forward

ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF ORDER OF THE AGENDA (Action)

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA.

Upon motion made by Bob Hailey and seconded by Paul Stykel, the motion **passed 11-0-0-0-4**, with Matt Deskovick, Eb Hogervorst, Angus Tobiason and Richard Tomlinson absent.

ITEM 8: APPROVAL OF MINUTES 3-3-11 (Action)

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3, 2011 MEETING.

Upon motion made by Paul Stykel and seconded by Dennis Sprong, the motion **passed 10-0-1-0-4**, with Chris Anderson abstaining, and Matt Deskovick, Eb Hogervorst, Angus Tobiason and Richard Tomlinson absent

ITEM 9: NON-AGENDA ITEMS Presentations on Land Issues not on Current Agenda (No Presentations on Ongoing Projects – These Must be Agendized)

Speaker: Steve Venolia, Ramona Resident

Mr. Venolia lives in the San Diego Country Estates (SDCE). The USFS built a parking lot for the Cedar Creek Trail with 29 spaces. This is not an adequate amount of parking for the number of people that hike in the area. People walking down to Cedar Creek Falls park in the residential area. Seventy five cars were parked on the street the previous weekend on one day. People are changing clothes and disposing of their trash in this residential neighborhood. Sprinklers are getting broken. He has asked the County to change the zoning of the area. He has worked with the USFS to augment parking. The residents are frustrated and want additional parking for those hiking.

The Chair said to put the item on the next RCPG agenda.

ITEM 10: Consideration of Request from a Representative of Dyocore (Wind Turbines) that the RCPG not Review Medium Wind Turbine Projects (can be 2 or more, Roof-Mounted Wind Turbines) being Processed through DPLU from this Company in the Future (Action)

Ms. Mansolf said the County was asked by a representative of Dyocore to request the RCPG to not see their proposals in the future because we are familiar with their products. The County has made the request formally to the RCPG. The applicant was aware of the meeting and Ms. Mansolf was under the understanding that he would be present to answer questions, but he was not in attendance. The ordinance for wind turbine projects has been undergoing revision. Possibly next year a medium wind turbine project will be allowed by right.

Mr. Sprong asked what a medium wind turbine project consisted of?

Ms. Mansolf said that 1 roof mounted wind turbine is allowed by right. Up to 5 is considered a medium wind turbine project. The ordinance includes wind turbines on poles.

Mr. Yoder, representative for the next project (Weiner project), said that the County has not allowed wind turbines on poles yet.

Ms. Anderson said review should be required in the D8 designator area or within the scenic corridor.

MOTION: TO TABLE UNTIL NEXT MONTH AND REQUEST THE APPLICANT TO BE HERE.

Upon motion made by Kristi Mansolf and seconded by Bob Hailey, the motion **passed 10-1-0-0-4**, with Carl Hickman voting no, and Matt Deskovick, Eb Hogervorst, Angus Tobiason and Richard Tomlinson absent.

ITEM 11: AD 11-007, Wind Turbine Project at 18747 Rangeland Rd., 3.5 Acre Lot, 5 Dyocore SolAir Roof Mounted Wind Turbines, Wiener Residence (Action)

Speaker: Mr. Wiener, Ramona Resident

Mr. Wiener said that the wind turbines are located on the roof or offset from the top of the roof. They are small enough to not be obtrusive. He doesn't think they look bad and he will get a big break on his electric bill once they are in, plus an energy rebate.

Mr. Ensign asked if there are any neighbors to the project, and if so, have they been notified?

Mr. Yoder said that a minimum of 20 or 25 neighbors are notified around the project area as part of the Administrative Permit. A 60 foot setback is required. One acre of land is needed for a wind turbine project.

Mr. Wallace asked about the size of the blades?

Mr. Yoder said a entire apparatus measures about 60 inches across.

The Chair asked what colors the wind turbines would be?

Mr. Yoder said they will be white.

Mr. Stykel asked if there were any installed already in Ramona?

Mr. Yoder said that there is a project on Highland Valley Road.

Mr. Sprong asked if there were any photos of wind turbines installed on a property in Ramona?

Mr. Yoder did not have any photos.

MOTION: TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Bob Hailey and seconded by Kristi Mansolf, the motion **passed 9-0-2-0-4**, with Paul Stykel and Kevin Wallace abstaining, and Matt Deskovick, Eb Hogervorst, Angus Tobiason and Richard Tomlinson absent.

ITEM 12: Update on Proposed Public Transportation Changes in Ramona (Possible Action)

Ms. Mansolf said NCTD responded to the letter the RCPG had sent last month. Many facts still are not known, such as if transfers are included in the cost of a fare. Prices will be going up from \$3.75 to \$5.00 per fare for the scheduled service, which is used by people going to work. For the flex service, where people can call in advance, NCTD is saying people can call 30 minutes before they need a ride. This seems unrealistic as one way to Escondido can take longer than 30 minutes. The flex service will cost more than the scheduled service. She would like to send another letter to NCTD documenting concerns. The NCTD hearing on the proposed changes will be April 21 at their office in Oceanside.

MOTION: TO SEND A LETTER TO NCTD WITH CONCERNS.

Upon motion made by Kristi Mansolf and seconded by Torry Brean, the motion **passed 11-0-0-0-4**, with Matt Deskovick, Eb Hogervorst, Angus Tobiason and Richard Tomlinson absent.

ITEM 13: SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

13-A: SOUTH (Hailey) (No Business)

13-B: WEST (Mansolf) (No Business)

13-C: EAST (Ensign)(No Business)

13-D: PARKS (Tomlinson)(No Business)

13-E: GP Update Plan (Anderson)(No Business)

13-F: CUDA (Brean)(No Business)

13-G: Transportation/Trails (Sprong)(Action Item)

13-G-1: TM 5564, 1550 Keyes Rd., Proposed Subdivision of 10.38 Acres into 6 Lots, 5 Residential and 1 Road. Project is Ready for Final Approval. Applicant is Requesting to not Improve ½ Keyes Rd to 4 Lane with Shoulder and Bike Lanes at this Time but to Defer. Walsh, Representative

Mr. Sprong gave the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee report. The applicant wants to build 2 lanes rather than the required 4 lanes on Keyes Road. There was discussion on what additional development could be built on Keyes Road that would require road improvements in the future, as Keyes Road is part of the South Bypass. They asked the applicant to bring more information to the RCPG meeting. The subcommittee motion was to go with the current County widening requirements.

Speaker: Robin Maxson, Ramona Resident

Ms. Maxson is a member of the Equestrian Foundation. Any disconnection in a trail system ruins the trail.

Mr. Walsh said he doesn't see that there will be enough development along Keyes Road in the future to have reason to build it to 4 lane. The County or the community builds road and he doesn't see it getting funded. Parking may be an issue in the future, but for now people can park on their property. Mr. Walsh talked to Bob Citrano at DPLU who has knowledge of projected traffic circulation for the GP Update. Mr. Citrano said he doesn't see a scenario that would require 4 lanes. In the future there won't be enough traffic to justify a 4 lane road. Setbacks will be met.

Mr. Hickman asked if we wanted parking on this stretch of road?

Ms. Anderson suggested "no parking" signs every 50 feet.

MOTION: THE RCPG WAIVE THE CURRENT COUNTY WIDENING REQUIREMENT AND ALLOW THE PROPONENT TO DEVELOP THE PROPERTY IN FRONT OF THE PROJECT TO A TOTAL OF 32 FEET PAVEMENT – 24 FEET FOR TRAVEL, 8 FEET SHARED (24 EXISTING, 8 FOOT ADDITIONAL) AND INCLUDE THE 10 FOOT PATHWAY AS PROPOSED. WE WOULD ALSO BE IN SUPPORT OF A PARKING

PROHIBITION IN FRONT OF THE PROJECT.

Upon motion made by Bob Hailey and seconded by Chad Anderson, the motion **passed 11-0-0-0-4**, with Matt Deskovick, Eb Hogervorst, Angus Tobiason and Richard Tomlinson absent.

13-G-2:TPM 20769, 2 Lot Split at 717 Haverford, Request the RCPG to Waive The Requirement for a 9 foot Pathway on the Shoulder

Mr. Thompson, project applicant, said there is a condition/requirement to have 2 to 3 inches of DG along a 400 foot pathway for the project. Mr. Thompson would like the requirement of adding the DG to the shoulder waived.

Speaker: Robin Maxson, Ramona Resident

Ms. Maxson asked that any action taken doesn't impede on what is planned in the County Trails Master Plan. The Plan becomes useless if the links are removed.

Mr. Sprong said the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee didn't want to diminish any aspects of County trails. They voted for the project to meet the requirement.

MOTION: TO BRING THE TRAIL UP TO THE STANDARDS OF THE COUNTY TRAILS MASTER PLAN.

(Discussion)

Ms. Anderson said that this is the time for compliance. It is not such a bad requirement.

(Voting)

Upon motion made by Chris Anderson and seconded by Torry Brean, the motion **failed 7-4-0-0-4**, with Chad Anderson, Bob Hailey, Jim Piva and Dennis Sprong voting no, and Matt Deskovick, Eb Hogervorst, Angus Tobiason and Richard Tomlinson absent.

MOTION: TO WAIVE THE PATHWAY UPGRADE FOR THIS PROJECT.

Upon motion made by Dennis Sprong and seconded by Chad Anderson, the motion **failed 3-8-0-0-4**, with Chris Anderson, Torry Brean, Scotty Ensign, Bob Hailey, Carl Hickman, Eb Hogervorst, Kristi Mansolf, Paul Stykel and Kevin Wallace voting no, and Matt Deskovick, Eb Hogervorst, Angus Tobiason and Richard Tomlinson absent.

MOTION: WE ASK THE PROPONENT TO UPGRADE THE TRAIL TO COUNTY REQUIREMENTS.

(Discussion)

Mr. Hailey said the trail is unusable as it sits.

Mr. Hickman said that by bringing the pathway up to County standards, there is an opportunity to have a developer build an improvement.

Mr. Sprong said that the trails system built over the years in Ramona is amazing.

Mr. Anderson said he didn't feel this requirement makes sense. He knows the property.

Mr. Hailey said the cost benefit doesn't seem to be there.

(Voting)

Upon motion made by Carl Hickman and seconded by Dennis Sprong, the motion **passed 10-0-1-0-4**, with Chad Anderson abstaining, and Matt Deskovick, Eb Hogervorst, Angus Tobiason and Richard Tomlinson absent.

13- H: DESIGN REVIEW (Chris Anderson) – Update on Projects Reviewed by the Design Review Board

Ms. Anderson said that the Design Review Board heard a presentation from Mr. Deskovick on his proposed barn for B Street and gave comments.

13-I: Village Design Committee Meeting Report (Brean, Stykel)

Mr. Brean said climatologist, Dan Cayan, made a presentation at the Village Design Committee Meeting. The CalTrans grant to finish the Village Design work was approved. They will be working with Mr. Blackson to complete the project.

ITEM 14: OTHER BUSINESS (Chair) (Possible Action)

A. RCPG Hosting a Workshop to Identify Areas of Ramona that Flood During Rain Events for Compiling Future List – Update

The Chair announced that Mr. Hailey, Ms. Mansolf, himself and 4 property owners met with Supervisor Jacob and County staff to discuss flooding issues in Ramona. A report was presented that had been done by an outside consultant who hadn't consulted with the community. We will all go back and meet with Supervisor Jacob and the wildlife agencies to discuss what work, if any, can be done around privately owned drainages. Decision makers will also be at the meeting. After the meeting with the wildlife agencies, a community workshop will be set up.

B. Workshop for Highland Valley/Dye Intersection Design, to be Held 4-13-11 at 7 at the Ramona Community Center , 434 Aqua Lane. Public Input will be Taken

The Chair said Mr. Hickman has a preliminary design to present at the workshop. There is already a plan that has been approved by CalTrans, but this new plan may be better suited to the needs of the community. Public input will be taken on the new plan.

Mr. Hickman said traffic modeling will be presented on the intersection to show how the new plan will work in comparison to the way the intersection is working now.

The Chair asked how many RCPG members will be able to attend the workshop. He has learned that the County is requiring us to have a quorum to have the workshop.

Nine RCPG members felt they could be there.

Ms. Mansolf said she was told that when we are functioning as the RCPG, a quorum is required.

Mr. Hailey said the quorum requirement feels counter to the concept of having a workshop.

C. Invitation for RCPG Members to Tour the Fund for Animals Facility on Highland Valley Rd. A Presentation will be Made by the New Director at the Meeting June 2 on the Fund for Animals Facility

Ms. Mansolf said she, the Chair and the Chair's wife toured the Fund for Animals facility. The new director is inviting the RCPG members to tour the facility. In June, she will make a presentation to the RCPG on the work that is being done at the facility, and it will be more meaningful if we are familiar with it. They are currently processing a project expansion. The facility is not open to the public.

ITEM 15: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (Chair)

A. Names Submitted for New Subcommittee Members (Action) – None

B. Review of DPLU Changes to the Standing Rules. Consideration of Voting to Accept Standing Rules with Changes (Action)

Ms. Mansolf said the County reviewed the Standing Rules and asked for some minor changes. We were asked to see if we agree with the changes, and if so, to approve them.

MOTION: TO APPROVE AS AMENDED.

Upon motion made by Chris Anderson and seconded by Dennis Sprong, the motion **passed 11-0-0-0-4**, with Matt Deskovick, Eb Hogervorst, Angus Tobiason and Richard Tomlinson absent.

C. Agenda Requests – None

D. Concerns of Members

Mr. Hailey said he did not want the RCPG to spend time doing subcommittee work. Should there be changes to the project after the subcommittee has seen it and the changes are extensive, the project should go back to the subcommittee for review.

ITEM 16: ADJOURNMENT – 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf